

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:** Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Anne-Marie Porth, Susan Fritz, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Raquel Do, Lina Silvestre, Cindy Zheng, Colin Sian, Sally Felkai

**Regrets:** Claude Tani, Dan Funaro, Donna Rae-Yeung, Margo Hrennikoff, Lara Davis, Louise Hazemi

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
- September minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Lina B seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- The start of the school year has gone very smoothly and Tim is proud of the students and staff who have set the year off on a positive tone, even with the ongoing work of Unitech inside and outside of the school as the new building and landscaping gets finished.
- The Terry Fox Run, the School Clubs Day and the Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet were all very successful and well attended events in the month of September.
- Our indigenous artist, Latash, has been here working on the 400 year old piece of cedar that he is carving in to a story board. Latash is anticipating the work to be done in January or February and Unitech will help install the art work in the Student Commons area on the cement wall to the right of the office.
- Following the success of the first Food Truck Friday in September, the Student Council is wanting to have a Food Truck Friday once a month. Tim has asked the Student Council to bring in two or three food trucks to avoid the long line ups and the trucks running out of food.
- With the tearing down of the old wing, an issue has arisen with students who smoke or vape. They are not allowed to smoke or vape on school property but on rainy days, they no longer have the old wing to walk through to exit the building and cross the street. So, to avoid getting wet, students have taken to congregating under overhangs around the school. The students who are caught smoking or vaping on school property are given a warning. If students are caught again, their vaping paraphernalia is being confiscated. Parents are then being informed that the confiscated items need to be picked up from the school.
- Sign up for Parent/Teacher interviews starts online today and closes on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Learning Commons and Cafeteria. There isn't enough time for all parents to see all teachers so Tim is suggesting that parents choose one or two teachers to meet that evening. Parents are welcome to

email teachers any time to set up meetings if they have any concerns regarding their students.

- On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Alpha will be hosting a SOGI presentation in the Learning Commons. An email will go out on ListServ for this event and Tim is hoping for a good turn out as the speaker, who is a teacher from Moscrop, does an excellent job presenting on this topic.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- SPC cards: \$170 worth have been sold; we keep \$3.50 from each card sold.
- Bottle deposits: \$10
- Online donations: approximately \$1900 but the funds are still in the school account and have not been deposited in to the PAC account yet.
- A \$500 deposit was made to the Metro to secure the venue for this year's Dry Grad.
- We do not have the Gaming grant yet but it should be coming soon.
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- The position of ELL rep is still open.
- Bottle collection: Sally's husband was unable to take on the collection of empty bottles to bring to the bottle return depot but suggested setting up accounts at all three local depots so that refunds from returns could be donated to the Alpha PAC. Claude was going to be contacting Terry to ask for more details regarding the bottle returns and would put something out on ListServ once everything is ready to go.
- Melody was contacted by the DPAC representative from Burnaby North asking if we would participate in a joint offering of a Youth Mental Health workshop through school district and tentatively set for November 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Burnaby North. Melody said we would support the event but it was close to a similar event on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Alpha. Tim is unaware of the October 23<sup>rd</sup> event so Melody will contact Angela Basran to see if it was something she was organizing.

### **VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report.

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.

- Grade 12 – there is a parent night on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, regarding general information for the grade 12 year including Dry Grad dates, scholarship information, etc. A similar presentation will be given to the grade 12 students during the day along with the Grad group photo being taken. Someone asked if parents could have access to the Outlook website that is used by the grade 12 students to get grad information. Tim said to go through the Grad Committee if we wanted something posted on that website.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

## **DPAC**

- On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an All Candidates Forum for the upcoming municipal election at Byrne Creek high school from 7-9pm for anyone interested in attending.

## **PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR DPAC FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DPAC, SD41 AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Burnaby DPAC contact: [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com)

Burnaby DPAC website: <http://www.burnabydpac.com>

Burnaby DPAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BurnabyDPAC>

## **FUNDRAISING**

- SPUD: \$45 has been raised so far. Claude is asking SPUD for posters that can be put around the school.
- SPC cards: 13 cards have been sold online. Melody will go to the Parent/Teacher night to sell them. We have until January to get all cards sold. All proceeds go towards Grad scholarships.

## **DRY GRAD**

- A deposit was made to secure the Metro venue for Dry Grad.
- All positions for the Dry Grad committee should be filled tonight by the end of the Dry Grad meeting.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Angela was unable to attend the last meeting and doesn't have the minutes yet.

## **OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents**

- Tim was asked to explain Collaboration days. Because it is difficult for teachers to find time during the school year to collaborate on ways to improve learning in the classroom, Collaboration days were made to give time to teachers during the school day to get together. At the same time, presentations are offered to the students on various topics which are listed on the school calendar. Because of the new graduation requirements, these collaboration times are mandatory for grade 11 students and they will be mandatory for grade 12 students next year, as well. During Collaboration time, attendance is taken as students are expected to be there and be engaged in learning.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:36pm**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gr. 12 presentations in the large gym, Gr. 12 group photo and Gr. 12 parent night
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – school closed for Thanksgiving
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – school photo retakes, Parent/Teacher online sign up ends
- October 17<sup>th</sup> – 12:30pm early dismissal, Parent/Teacher conferences
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – earthquake drill, 1:50pm early dismissal
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D day
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – Collaboration day, Zone PAC SOGI presentation 7-8:30pm
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Collaboration day
- November 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – Grad photo sessions at Artona